TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, 7th August, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-four of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, I am sorry to have to tell the House that I find it necessary to adjourn this sitting *sine die*. The reason is His Highness' health. It is, I think, known that His Highness' health has been indifferent for some days past. But until yesterday afternoon, there was no reason to feel anxiety in regard to it. But since yesterday afternoon, I have to say with very great grief that His Highness' health has been giving cause for much anxiety. I think that, in these circumstances, it is not proper for us to be sitting here and discussing the Budget. I am sure the members of the House would be as anxious about His Highness' health as myself; and it is difficult for me to be present in this House and also to be doing my duty by His Highness simultaneously. I am sure that the members of the House also would not have that calmness and composure of mind which are necessary for a proper discussion of the Budget. In these circumstances, I have decided to adjourn this session of the House *sine die*.

This means that we cannot meet before the advent of the new year and that the standing sanctions will have to go on. Expenditure will have to be incurred under the usual fixed charges. It might be possible to put off new schemes which have been included in the Budget till the Council meets again. But, as you all know, conditions are now unusual and a certain amount of expenditure has to be incurred by way of starting relief works and by way of other urgent measures before the Council meets again. I trust the Council will have no objection to such necessary expenditure being incurred.

The Council adjourned at 11-38 A. M.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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